Women officers commissioned

2735. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many women officers have been commissioned into the Army, Air Force and Navy (excluding those in the medical and nursing) in each year ever since they were allowed entry;

(b) whether Government are considering taking women officers through NDA, IMA and similar academies;

(c) whether Government are also considering taking women in other ranks; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) The followings are the year-wise induction of Women Officers into Army, Air Force and Navy (excluding those in Medical Corps and Nursing Service).

Year	ARMY	NAVY	AIR FORCE
1992	—	22	—
1993	50	13	55
1994	49	14	61
1995	47	10	51
1996	51	12	69
1997	55	10	56
1998	84	19	56
1999	87	31	36
2000	110	02	45

At present, there is no proposal for inducting women officers through NDA/IMA. There is also no proposal to recruit women in other ranks in the Armed Forces, owing to difficult service conditions and lack of other facilities in field units.